

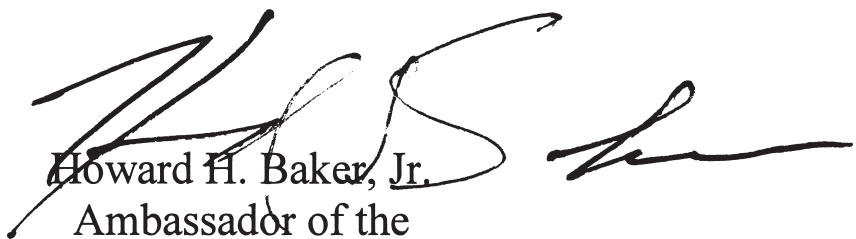
# American Electronics Show 2002

I would like to welcome you to the "American Electronics Show 2002," which showcases to the Kyushu-Yamaguchi market the best in U.S. information, networking and telecommunications technology, equipment and services.

The Show, now in its 16th year, is a unique cooperative undertaking by many of the key players in U.S. industry, their local partners, regional economic organizations, and government agencies, all working closely with the Fukuoka American Business Club and the American Consulate. As a result of these efforts, you can see at the same time and under one roof a wide range of examples of the latest information technology trends.

As Japan and Korea get ready for this year's FIFA World Cup, the American Electronics Show is another example of how we can cooperate to promote excellence through competition. Whether in sports or in business, competition can bring out our best performance, and we all benefit. This year's show, once again, will bring you the very best in American products and technology.

At the show, I invite you to visit with company representatives, attend the technical product seminars, and see first-hand how American companies and technology can support you in boosting your competitiveness and achieving your business goals. I am confident that this show will again demonstrate how U.S.-Japan business partnerships can benefit us all.



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